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CONSIDER THE PEOPLE.

The action of the Board of Electrical Control has made thoughtful people wonder. The granting to the Huckleberry Railroad Company, in the Annexed District, the privilege of using the trolley overhead system of electrical traction is the most extraordinary proceeding that this body has been guilty of. The trouble that New York experienced in having electric light and other wires put under ground and the removal of unsightly poles from its streets, would seem to most persons of intelligence a powerful argument against the encouragement of similar defections.

The Huckleberry Railroad, which runs from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to Fordham and West Farms, for more than a score and a half of years has enjoyed a most valuable franchise for which it paid nothing, and during that time it has never in any way considered the people living along the line, but has run its road for revenue only. During storms and at such other times when its conveyances were most necessary it made little or no attempt to furnish even ordinary accommodation, and has invariably treated with contempt all complaints made against its methods.

There is no doubt that improvement is needed on this road, but there is no reason why the streets in the Annexed District should be disgraced by poles and wires just to put more money into the pockets of this grasping corporation. When the company got the consent of property owners for a change of system it represented that it was going to lay a cable, but cable roads are expensive and expensive lessens profits. So when the application was made for permission to make the change the trolley electric system was substituted; and this was done in consequence of the fact that the electric system could be put up at less than one-fifth the cost of a cable, and the working plant could be conducted at far less expense.

In a word, the Huckleberry Railroad Company was willing to disfigure the main arteries of the Annexed District that it might pocket more money, and the Board of Electrical Control, thoroughly understanding the situation, endorsed its action by granting permission for the erection of poles and stringing of overhead wires.

Why did the Board of Electrical Control do this? Is a question that should be answered.

And why, too, did it refuse Commissioner HUNTER's request for a twenty-day postponement of the consideration of the application?

And why was Mayor GRANT, who offered the resolution granting the application of the railroad, so anxious that action be taken at once?

The whole proceeding is sufficiently involved to call for thoughtful consideration on the part of the Railroad Commissioners, who are empowered to take final action.

Mr. WALDO HUTCHINS, Park Commissioner and counsel to the Huckleberry Railroad Company, is much interested in the introduction of the electric system on this result be brought about. The Huckleberry road is entitled to no favor from this city, and the people and their streets alone should be considered.

SMALL PROOF.

The interview with WILLIAM DEGAN, the one accredited American patient who has been submitted to a thorough application of the Koch lymph in Berlin, which was published in THE EVENING WORLD yesterday, furnishes matter for thought.

In his own individual case this young man is a very poor example of the potency of the lymph as a restorative. But this is not as important as the statement made by him that during his three weeks' stay in the Berlin hospital there was no cure effected, though the papers were chronicling plenty of them.

The point is this. With an abundance of experiments with the lymph during the months since it made its debut as the miracle-worker of the age there is a sad paucity of proof afforded that it does what it claims to do.

With every disposition to be liberal, can it be supposed that if the lymph had anything like the virtue which is ascribed to it the showing for this lengthy period should be so poor?

MERRY DANCING MAIDS.

The festive pendant to a "stag" party was given on an enormous scale last night at Madison Square Garden. Two thousand merry maidens with eight thousand female spectators made up a "doe" party which seemed as merry and blithe as if there had been a man for every woman. And there was only one man there! Another bold male thing audaciously trespassed on the floor, and the girls hustled him right off with jeers.

They were working girls and their patronesses representing the several working girls' clubs of this city. They had an awfully jolly time. Good luck to them.

ROBERT BURNS.

To-morrow will be the 123d anniversary of the birth of ROBERT BURNS. A Scot and scotchman's scotch, strong thought in the high dialect of Scotland, he was a genius, and a genius is the world's property. No matter in what language it expresses itself, nor what conditions affect the passionate dalliance with the Muse, genius has as its corner-stone the sense of human sympathy which thrills every human creature into warm regard. May his days never be less green. Health to the poet, the peasant, the man, ROBERT BURNS!

A GHOSTLY LESSON.

Probably the doctors who lightly poot-pooted the idea of cauterizing GROOMER KENDALL's lip, wounded by a dog's teeth, and assured him it was quite unnecessary to go to Dr. GIMBY to be inoculated with the Pasteur lymph, will feel some qualms of conscience in reading of the ghastly horrors of his agonizing death. Dr. GIMBY says the man would be alive to-day if he had come to him at the time he wished. Call this malady hydrophobia or anything else, it is an awful torture which science should do all it can to avert.

"Lucy," said papa sternly to his girl baby, "go to sleep!" He passed his fingers over her eyes and she went to sleep like a log. He kept on sleeping for thirty-six hours till the slumber-inducing parent in alarm summoned a physician, who on diagnosing the case told the parent that he had hypnotized the child. Then he gave him directions for dehypnotizing a subject, and the girl awoke at once. Parents had better find out if they are hypnotizers or not.

In several States, as an eloquent protest against the Force Bill, appropriations for World's Fair exhibits are held back. Illinois sees the danger to the Fair and a resolution is prepared instructing her Representatives to vote against the bill. It is not the true remedy patent to Messrs. HOAR, ALDRICH and the rest? It is simply to send into the objecting States the same bayonets which it is proposed to put behind every ballot, and make them "ante up" for the big show.

A Pennsylvania farmer has an old gobbler that wants to sit on everything. The male fowl is usually satisfied with stalking about clucking patronizingly to his harem and occasionally clapping up the earth with great feathery interest in unearthing the toothsome worm. But this old grumpy of a gobbler wants to hatch eggs, and his disorderly affection is so strong that he actually tried to sit on a litter of kittens. Now this is a fine old gobbler!

At a Brooklyn fire the fearful voice of a little girl whose small face peered through dim smoke at the window, pleaded with the fire-laddies to save her mamma first! What sweeter, more noble phase of childish feeling could be wished than this? Amid the dazing smoke and crackling flame which drives one to terrified panic, the tender little heart was stronger than fright. Truly, love casteth out fear.

Mme. SARA BERNHARDT will land at this port shortly with forty-five trunks of stage costumes. The duties on them are a pretty item. It has been decided by the authorities to make a "test case" in this instance by levying duties on the scenery, properties and costumes. The point to be established is whether they can be considered "tools of trade."

Montreal, a Canadian city which cannot be compared with New York City for size and commerce, has very magnificent piers. Look at the wooden piers this city boasts and see if they are worthy of a city like New York. The North River and East River should have magnificent piers of granite in order to equip the city fitly in this respect.

ROSWELL P. FLOWER's friends and former neighbors, up in Jefferson County, have nominated him for Governor to succeed HILL. This is one of those graceful little amenities which oftentimes brighten ways diverging from the course of actual politics. Small favors should be thankfully accepted.

What a day! Why isn't it just as easy to have this kind of a tooth?

SPOTLETS.

The unbrothered maiden does not boast of an arrow escape from Cupid.

The Indian ailments treatment by the agent is an alkali-meat-say one.

It is seldom that so high a price has ever been put upon "Kingsley's" as \$10,000. But these fingers were not to give. They were on a hand till the train came along.

The striking bakers of Seattle have gone back to loading at the old stand.

He wanted the earth all his life, and when he died he wanted it all. He never looked twenty years of age. He was killed by a train.

"What are you about?" exclaimed her father to the young fellow hugging his daughter. "Marry," he replied.

New York apartment houses regard children as the worst slattern that can go with a flat.

Gormy wishes to see the American hog on his tier. "Kiss him!"

Gov. Hill will prove a Senator on the dead level, just the same.

Why doesn't the Debat try to get an inning now on a Rapid Train hit?

WORLDLINGS.

The great show piece of the recent fair held at Mayville, Cal., was an exact copy of Butte's famous fair, built entirely of oranges.

In sixteen cities of Virginia the negroes own property worth \$2,824,642, the greater part of which is in real estate. In Richmond their possessors amount to \$250,120.

Lady Londonderry wife of the late Lord Londonderry is considered one of the handsomest women in England, though her face lacks expression. Her husband is a prominent turfman and keeps a large racing stud at Wexford.

A curious scarion worn by a Navaho man is a purified human eye, set in a gold frame. The present owner of this singular ornament found it in Peru while he was on an exploring tour in the land of the Incas with a party of scientists.

Two of the best-dressed women in England are literary women. Mrs. Campbell-Prest and Mrs. Stannard. Their gowns are tailor-made and cut in the simplest style. In evening wear Mrs. Prest affects rich, delicate brocades.

The Little Prince's Christening.

NOW A ROYAL GERMAN BABY IS GIVEN THE FIRST RITES OF THE CHURCH. SEE THE SUNDAY WORLD.

## OUR BOY TAILORS.

Neil Nelson Visits Them at the New York Trade School.

Young Men Instructed in the Various Branches of Needle-Wielding.

They Are Better Scholars Than Girls, Says the Superintendent.

Fifteen years ago American girls were educated. Now they are super-educated.

The pros and cons of tailoring were not extended to my sex.

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